

FIVE HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN
NEW YORK STEAMER HORRORExcursion Boat Loaded With
Women and Children

BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE.

Gen. Slocum Had About 1600 Passengers Aboard When Fire Broke Out.

Some Were Burned and Others Jumped and Drowned.

New York, June 15.—The steamboat, General Slocum, loaded with 1,600 excursionists, more than one-half being children, took fire above Hell Gate this morning and was run ashore on North Brother's Island. Many persons lost their lives. Many jumped overboard and were drowned while others were burned to death on the boat. The telephone operator at North Brother's Island states that the water near the island is full of floating bodies. The General Slocum is an immense triple-deck steamer usually plying between New York and Rockaway Beach. She can easily carry several thousand passengers. She was engaged today to bring an excursion party up the Sound.

The last reports received by the police state that five hundred lives were lost, but it is hoped that this is exaggerated. The Slocum left the foot of East Third street for Locust Grove at 9 o'clock this morning with the members of the Sunday school classes of St. Mark's Lutheran church.

The owners of the Slocum have received a message stating that the boat has been burned to the water's edge, and that the bulk is still burning. Their message says a number of people jumped overboard, and some were picked up by small boats. They can give no estimate of the number of lives lost. The police so far have recovered eleven bodies. One body was of a child and the others were of adults mostly women.

The holocaust was the most horrible that has occurred in the vicinity of New York in years. At noon the best estimate placed the number of those who lost their lives at between two and three hundred. About fifty bodies had been recovered at that time, and the police, tugboats, steamers and small boats were out in the Sound looking for others. A dozen ambulances, a score of physicians and nurses and all the police reserves in the city were on the scene to rescue the bodies of the dead and smother the living and injured.

The flames were first discovered among the life preservers. The burning preservers were torn from their places and thrown overboard. This fact added greatly to the loss of life as it was remarked afterward that none of the bodies recovered was unwrapped in life saving apparatus. Captain Shalek, seeing the flames called for full speed and headed for North Brother's Island.

Meantime the scenes on board were frightful. The flames spread with terrible rapidity and men, women and children rushed about in wild fear, shrieking and in tears seeking a haven of safety.

The mothers as the flames grew near gathered their children into their arms and leaped into the water. Others, too dazed to move, stood still and were burned to death. An eye witness states that as the boat neared the shore she was surrounded on all sides by floating bodies of passengers who jumped for their lives. On North Brother's Island is located a hospital for contagious diseases and some other city institutions. Employees of these pulled ashore scores of people, many blackened and burned by fire.

This city was telephoned for aid, but it was over an hour before the first relief arrived. The steamer Massasoit and a few tugs in the vicinity saved a number of lives. Later the Massasoit was pressed

into service by the Scotia and took the bodies of the dead and a number of rescued to the New York side of the river. On the first trip she took thirty bodies and seventy-five rescued, including injured.

Captain Van Schaick of the General Slocum, and first pilot Van Wort and second pilot Leader have been arrested.

Fire Chief Croker, on returning from North Brother's Island this afternoon said he believed the dead would number between four and five hundred. He said the injured included about everybody who was saved.

SAFETY SIGNAL APPARATUS.

Matter Discussed By Railroad Men and State Commission.

St. Albans, June 15.—The question of the adoption of a new and improved safety signal apparatus for use at all grade crossings of steam and electric railroads was fully discussed at a meeting of the board of railroad commissioners and the representatives of railroads interested at a meeting held here yesterday at the office of Chairman Fuller C. Smith.

A device for derailing cars on the electric railroads and operating a semaphore on the steam roads was presented by the railroad people, but objected to by the electric car on the grounds of heavy expense. The commissioners took the matter under advisement and reserved their decision.

THE ALLEGED MURDERER.

Benjamin Williams Waived Examination Today.

Burlington, June 15.—The hearing of Benjamin Williams, the alleged murderer of Policeman James McGrath, was held today in city court. The prisoner waived examination and was bound over without bail to the September term of county court.

WITH THE MASON.

Four Hundred Delegates at Burlington Today.

Burlington, June 15.—The opening of the 116th session of the Grand Lodge, Vermont Masons, today was attended by fully 400. Grand Master Dr. J. W. Daley of White River Junction reports 204 deaths in the subordinate lodge for the year and a net increase of membership of 324.

Jap Ships Not Damaged.

Washington, June 15.—The Japanese legation says Admiral Togo reports that on the 14th the enemy's cruiser Noviki came out of Port Arthur with 10 destroyers and exchanged sharp firing with the Japanese second destroyer Flotilla. The enemy withdrew later. No damage was done to the Japanese ships.

Serbia's Greatest Poet Dead.

Belgrade, June 15.—Jovan Jovanovich, Serbia's greatest poet, died today.

Fish Catching Better.

John Sutphin, a Franklin Park farmer, near New Brunswick, N. J., recently asked the police to help him find a pet heifer which had strayed from his farm, says the New York Tribune. He declared she was a great fish catcher and frequently would go to ponds on the farm, stand motionless for a time in the water near the bank, then suddenly thrust her head in the water and bring up a small fish in her mouth. On the advice of the police and with their aid the shores of the Raritan river were searched. The heifer was found watching for fish near the landing bridge.

NAVAL BATTLE
IN PROGRESS

Off The Island Tsushima
Near Korea

THREE RUSSIAN CRUISERS

Number of Japanese Vessels Engaged
Is Not Known and There
Are No Details.

London, June 15.—The Tokio correspondent of the Central News wires that a naval battle is proceeding off the island of Tsushima, between Japan and Korea. Three Russian cruisers of the Russian Vladivostok squadron and some Japanese vessels being engaged. No details are at hand.

SIX WEEKS' PROVISIONS.

Reported That Russians Have That at Port Arthur.

Rome, June 15.—A Chefoo despatch states the Japanese have succeeded in placing 52 large siege guns on the heights north of Port Arthur. People who have escaped from the Port state that only combatants remain there and that there are provisions sufficient merely for six weeks.

PORT ARTHUR HARBOR.

Reported That It Is Open Again. Cruiser Novik Emerges.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—Advices received today state that the entrance to Port Arthur is again open. The Russian cruiser Novik yesterday emerged and engaged the Japanese fleet.

SEVERE JAPANESE LOSS.

Chefoo "Fake Factory" Hears It From Russian Sources.

Chefoo, June 15.—A report from Russian sources states that the Japanese suffered a severe reverse north of Kinchow. There is no confirmation of the report.

BRANDON IS FOR MEAD.

He Now Has 75 P. gates in Rutland County.

Brandon, June 15.—At a caucus held here last evening the Clement ticket was beaten, 147 to 143. The delegates elected were as follows: The state convention, L. J. Fortier, W. K. Harrison, F. H. Farrington, W. D. Nutting, R. C. Flood and J. F. Clark; county, the Hon. E. J. Ormsbee, W. B. Avery and W. C. Fletcher.

The state delegation is entrusted for Mead for lieutenant-governor and the ticket that was elected is strongly anti-Clement. This town was for Clement three to one two years ago. This makes 75 delegates in Rutland county for Mead with but few more caucuses to be heard from.

GOV. McCULLOUGH TO ATTEND.

Will Take Party of Friends to Republican National Convention.

Bennington, June 14.—It is now expected that Gov. J. G. McCullough will attend the Republican national convention at Chicago, June 21. If present plans are carried out, the governor will leave New York Monday afternoon in his private car and may be accompanied by Col. Henry S. Bingham, of this town, one of Vermont's delegates to this convention, Orion N. Barber, ex-state auditor, and a party of New York friends.

OFF TO CONVENTION.

J. W. Brock Starts For Chicago—Senator Dillingham Goes Soon.

Montpelier, June 15.—James W. Brock, member from Vermont of the national Republican committee, left last evening for Chicago, where a meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday. Senator W. P. Dillingham, chairman of the Vermont delegation to the national convention, will leave tomorrow or Thursday morning.

FRANCHISE EXTENDED.

Gas Company to Begin Work at Bennington in a Few Weeks.

Bennington, June 14.—The village trustees of Bennington last evening granted an extension of the franchise to the proposed gas company which expects to commence operations within a month. The projectors will be here this week to organize the company as soon as work in Barre is completed by the contractor, who will do the work here. The tools, etc., will be shipped here. The company must file a bond for \$20,000 before any work can be done. This is to make sure that the streets will be properly repaved.

INCREASES
DEMANDS

Tangier Bandit is Play-
ing Off.

NOT RELEASE AMERICAN

Demands That Sultan Turn Over Four
Provinces in Addition to
Ransom.

Washington, June 15.—The State Department has been advised by Consul General Gummere at Tangier that Raisuli has greatly increased his demands. He has now informed the Sultan that he will not release Pedicaris and Varley unless the Sultan turns over to him four provinces in addition to the money ransom previously demanded. He also stipulates that three nations, including the United States, shall guarantee fulfillment of conditions.

CONGREGATIONALISTS MEET.

Vermont Convention Is Being Held at St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, June 15.—About 300 Congregational clergymen and leaders of the denominations gathered here yesterday for the 100th annual meeting of the Congregational convention of Vermont. The sessions were held at the North Congregational church and will continue until Thursday. In connection with the convention meetings of the Woman's Home Missionary Union and the Vermont Docestral Mission society will be held. Frederick W. Baldwin of Barton is president of the convention. The principal address was delivered by Prof. E. W. Bacon of Yale on "The Awakening Interest in Religious Education." The annual sermon was by Rev. H. R. Miles of Brattleboro.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

Annual Meeting of of Vermont Episcopalians Opens in St. Albans.

St. Albans, June 15.—The 114th annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont opened in St. Luke's Church in this city this morning. The services began at 8.30 o'clock with morning prayer, followed at 9.45 by the celebration of the holy communion. A business meeting was held at 8.30 o'clock and the holy communion was again celebrated at nine o'clock, following which Bishop Hall delivered a charge. Luncheon was served the visiting clergy and laymen at the parish house at one o'clock. The annual address of the bishop will be given at three o'clock and will be followed by a business meeting.

RETREAT AT MANCHESTER.

Large Number of Catholic Priests Attend. Sermons by Fr. McKenna.

Manchester, June 14.—The annual retreat of the Catholic diocese of Vermont is now in progress here. The services this year are in charge of the Rev. W. N. McKenna, S. J., of New York city. These will consist of meditations and prayers, in addition to sermons by Father McKenna. All the devotions will be held at St. Paul's church on Seminary are, and will continue until Friday.

BAPTISTS GATHERING.

Vermont Central Association Meeting at Montpelier.

Montpelier, June 15.—The address of welcome to the delegates of the Vermont Central Baptist Association was given at 10 o'clock this forenoon by Harry R. Bolles, and was responded to by the Rev. A. N. Woodruff of East Barre, who also conducted devotional exercises.

A FATAL FALL.

John Donlin of Burlington Fell Head First Yesterday.

Burlington, June 15.—John Donlin died yesterday at his home, 193 North Champlain street, from the result of a fall down a steep flight of stairs.

As near as can be learned he arose about 2 o'clock, opened the wrong door, and was precipitated head first down the stair case, striking on his head and shoulders. When found he was lying in a pool of blood at the bottom, unconscious. Drs. Mcweeney and Courtney were at once summoned, and found a severe injury to the skull, besides a broken shoulder. There was no chance for recovery at his age, and in two hours he died.

Horse Killed on Crossing.

Windsor, June 14.—As Horace Walker was driving Putnam's baker cart across the railroad track at Bulloch's crossing, two miles below here on the New Hampshire side, the engine of the morning train south struck the horse, knocking it from the track and killing it instantly.

WILL BUILD HIGH SCHOOL.

Northfield Graded School District Voted to Do So Last Night.

Northfield, June 15.—At the annual meeting of the graded school district last evening it was voted to build a high school building at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The following building committee was chosen: J. H. Talbot, E. N. Carpenter, C. D. Edgerton, W. B. Mayo and C. M. Davis. It was voted to issue 5 per cent 20-year bonds for \$10,000 to provide towards payment. F. L. Howe was re-elected clerk and J. H. Talbot was re-elected a director; J. H. Welch was elected a director to succeed W. A. Blake whose term has expired.

The rapidly increasing number of pupils has made a new building absolutely necessary. During the past two years overflow schools have been maintained in buildings outside of the school grades which were not adapted for the purpose.

The special village meeting to hear the report of the water committee on the proposed new system of water works to have been held last evening was adjourned until next Monday evening.

ANNUAL PRIZE SPEAKING.

Large Attendance Attracted to Montpelier Seminary Last Evening.

Montpelier, June 15.—The annual prize speaking contest at Montpelier seminary last evening proved as in former years one of the principal attractions of the commencement season and the chapel was crowded to the doors.

The judges were Mrs. W. E. Terrill of Montpelier, Dr. F. M. Lynde and Mrs. W. E. Badger of Barre.

To avoid any possible favoritism on the part of the judges the names of the eight contestants were left off the programme, the subjects alone being given. The award of the judges will be announced Thursday morning.

The contestants were Charlotte Nason of Talbotville, Conn., Minnie Proctor of Peru, Emma Brown of Sheffield, Wallace Gilpin of Barton Landing, Scott Conoley of Peacham, Carl Harvey of Lower Cabot, George L. Wells of Barre and Leland Morse of Randolph.

RECOVERED HIS HORSE.

Bethel Livery Man Gets It In Brookfield.

Randolph, June 15.—The horse that was alleged to have been stolen by Henry Rhodes from Albert Stearns, a livery man at Bethel, June 5, was recovered yesterday by Mr. Stearns who found his horse doing farm work on the farm of L. E. Homer in Brookfield. Homer stated that Rhodes came to his place last week and wanted to trade horses and after a while a trade was made in which Homer gave his horse and \$30 for the entire team driven by Rhodes. Rhodes took his new horse to one of the neighbors and sold it for \$1 and then left town and has not been seen in that vicinity since. Stearns paid \$25 to recover his team and his harness is still missing.

The officers are still looking for Rhodes.

CADETS IN CAMP.

Norwich University Students Getting Taste of Army Regulations.

Northfield, June 15.—The corps of cadets of Norwich University are in camp for their annual muster. The camp, which is named Allan D. Brown, is located west of Dewey hall, the company streets running north and south with the headquarters staff and non-commissioned staff at the north and guard tent at the south. The regulation khaki tents are in use and the arrangement of the camp is according to the prescribed U. S. army regulations.

The Norwich Commencement comes next week, beginning with the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday by Dr. William S. Hazen.

WRESTLERS TO MEET.

Ewen and Con Sullivan Arrive at Agreement.

E. Ewen and Con Sullivan, with their representatives, met last night at the Hotel Northern to make arrangements for their proposed wrestling match. Mr. Sullivan stated that he would need at least three weeks in which to get into proper condition for the contest. Owing to the fact that Mr. Ewen leaves the city July first it was mutually agreed that the match take place some time in the near future upon receipt of two weeks' notice from Mr. Ewen.

In the meantime Mr. Sullivan will go into training and when the men come together the public may look for a good contest.

RUNAWAY AT NEWPORT.

A Derby Merchant's Leg Broken and Horse Drove Dead.

Newport, June 14.—Saturday night as L. Lappan of West Derby, a travelling dry goods merchant, was driving into the village on Coventry street, the pole broke from the cart tipping it over, throwing Mr. Lappan out and breaking his leg in two places and cutting his head badly. The horses ran up the street to the front of the Memphremagog house, where one of the horses fell dead within a few feet of a Salvation Army company.

NEW INCORPORATORS.

Bethel Granite Company Capitalized at \$5,000.

Montpelier, June 12.—Incorporation papers were filed with the secretary of state today by the Claremont Paper company and the Bethel Granite company. The former is capitalized at \$75,000 and the latter at \$5,000. The incorporators of the granite company are A. E. Denny, E. B. Ellis, Golden Starrett and Irving C. Ellis, all of Northfield, and Roger Sherman of Chicago.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Cyrus L. Ryan Murdered a Chinese Laundryman.

Plymouth, Mass., June 15.—Cyrus L. Ryan, convicted last week of murdering a Chinese laundryman at Hanover Four Corners in January last, was sentenced this morning to life imprisonment.

NO CIRCUS
FOR THEM

Fifteen Men Placed In
County Jail

LEFT BEHIND BY MAIN

Montpelier Police Make a Grand Swoop
and Took Them To Jail in a
Band Wagon.

Montpelier, June 15.—The gang that was discharged from the employ of the Main circus Monday night headed toward Middlesex yesterday afternoon frightening school teachers and terrorizing farmers' wives by their demands for food. Complaints were telephoned to this city and shortly after six o'clock Deputy Sheriffs C. A. Smith, T. L. Putney and Martin Fitzgerald, Chief of Police McMahon and Policemen John Durkee and George M. Kenney, with Policeman George L. Morris of Barre and Grand Juror Benjamin Gates started toward Middlesex to round up the gang. The band wagon was pressed into service and the picnic terminated at the water house a mile this side of the village, where 12 individuals of the genuine hobo type were rounded up, loaded in and brought to this city where they were lodged in jail.

They were all sober but presented a sorry appearance and the manner in which they tackled the supper furnished to them by Sheriff Evans at 10 o'clock, showed that they were nearly famished. After their supper they made the neighborhood of the jail musical with circus songs.

These with three others arrested last night make a total of 15 circus men in jail. Their cases came up in city court this morning and were put over to tomorrow morning.

TRAMPS IN RANDOLPH.

Take Possession of Houses and Demand Food.

Randolph, June 14.—A tramp walked into the home of Mrs. Barney Shapiro on Main street Monday evening and quietly demanded his supper. Mrs. Shapiro, who was alone at the time, deeming it best, complied with the demands of this independent intruder, who after having had his fill of the best the house afforded, quietly took his departure.

The same night four tramps took possession of and made themselves as comfortable as they could in the cottage owned by J. H. Lamson near the South Pleasant street railroad crossing.

DOCTORS IN SESSION.

Trimonthly Meeting Held Here Yesterday Afternoon.

The regular trimonthly meeting of Washington County Medical Association was held in the council room of the city building yesterday afternoon with sixteen physicians present. At 2 o'clock all took dinner at the City Hotel and went to the council room immediately afterwards, where a very interesting and profitable meeting was held.

Papers on different topics by several doctors were read and afterwards discussed. Dr. Berry, superintendent of the Waterbury Asylum read one of the most important papers which included mental diseases. In a discussion on infectious diseases Dr. Blakes of Montpelier asked if any of the physicians present had ever to their knowledge carried an infectious disease to their patients. Only two doctors replied that they had.

It was the consensus of opinion among the physicians that they could not be too careful in respect to their own person in spreading infectious diseases.

TWO MONTPELIER WEDDINGS.

One a Church Affair, Other Was Performed at Home.

Montpelier, June 15.—At St. Augustine's church this forenoon at 8 o'clock, Miss Agnes Allard was married to Warren Holmes by the Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan. The bride was given away by her father, T. Allard, and was attended by her brother, A. J. Allard. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes left this noon for a visit in Boston, after which they will return to this city to reside. The bride has been groomer in Gleason's store, and the groom is employed by the Viles Electric company.

At the home of the bride's brother, H. E. Slayton, Miss Bertha Slayton was married this forenoon to Dr. Webster Laviolette, by the Rev. J. Edward Wright. They left this afternoon on a wedding trip after which they will go to West Burke to reside, the groom having recently located there for the practice of dentistry.

COBBLE HILL CREAMERY.

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Cobble Hill Creamery association was held at the creamery building on Trow Hill yesterday and the following were elected directors, L. A. Averill, John Trow, G. P. Winters, Martin Atchinson and A. S. Partridge. The auditors are as follows: Frank Bancroft, Jerry Hutchinson and George B. Wheaton. At a subsequent meeting of the directors these officers were chosen, President, L. A. Averill; vice president, G. P. Winters.

The business has been successfully conducted the past year, and the directors say they are making more butter and doing more business.